SUBJECT No. 13.

Mamlatdars' Act.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL. B., Advocate, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The Draft Regulation on the lines of the Bombay Mamlatdars' Act may not be passed into law. The working of the Act in Bombay is not satisfactory, elsewhere such an enactment is not in force. The Specific Relief Act, Section 9, supplies the remedy contemplated by the new Regulation, if the Court Fee is reduced to eight annas only.

If the Government be pleased to pass this into law, the Assistant Commissioners and not the Amildars may be invested with powers hereunder. For the latters' duties are too multifarious to enable them to attend to this work satisfactorily. In Bombay the Mamlatdars' duties are not so numerous as here.

Reply of Government.—This will be considered. It is understood that the Bombay Government is revising the Act.

SUBJECT No. 14.

Amendment of Section 17 (A) of the Civil Courts Regulation.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL. B., Advocate, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Section 17 (A) of the Civil Courts Regulation of 1883 may be so amended as to include cases in which the defendant admits the claim. This may be made by inserting the words "or by admission of the defendant" between by "agreement of parties" and "the Court shall." And other members also represented that the words in the Chief Court Circular giving discretion to the Judges were strictly construed by them in favour of Government by refusing refunds.

Reply of Government.—This representation will be communicated to the Chief Court who will be asked whether the condition relating to discretion may not be omitted.

SUBJECT No. 15.

Court Fees Regulation.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL. B, Advocate, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Certificate to collect small sums of debts amounting to Rs. 200 or so may be exempted from this fee.

Reply of Government.—This question has already been considered and no sufficient reason has been found to grant any exemption.

SUBJECT No. 16.

Amendment of the Civil Procedure Code.

(*a*) Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL. B., Advocate, Shimoga Municipality.

(*b*) Mr. Subbarayabhatta, Tirthahalli Taluk.

Mr. Ranga Iyengar also spoke.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) All the amendments of the Civil Procedure Code that are in force in British India should be introduced into Mysore, for instance Section 310 A is a very useful provision, but it finds no place in the Mysore Code.

(*b*) In Civil suits on bonds for money, decrees are given for the principal and full interest on the principal, without taking into consideration the interest already paid. To protect the debtor, the Civil Procedure Code may be so amended that the decree may give relief as regards interest in such a way that it may not exceed the principal in any case. Such decrees must also provide for payment by instalments.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.